levels and during the visit of Raksha Mantri in October 2007. Russian side has assured full supoort for indigenous production of T-90 tanks in India.

Offset clause in DPP 2008

661. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Offset clause in the recent Defence Procurement Procedures (DPP) 2008;

(b) whether it is a fact that the global arms suppliers have indicated reservations over the Offset clause;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to make change in DPP 2006 to address the reservations of the suppliers and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Government promulgated Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2006 with effect from 1st September, 2006 to ensure expeditious procurement of the approved requirements of the Armed Forces in terms of capabilities sought and time frame prescribed. Procedure for implementing Offset Provisions is part of DPP-2006 and provides for discharge of offset obligations directly by any combination of the following methods:

(i) Direct purchase of, or executing export orders for, defence products and components manufactured by, or services provided by, Indian defence industries, i.e. Defence Public Sector Undertakings, the Ordnance Factory Board, and any private defence industry manufacturing these products or components under an industrial licence granted for such manufacture. For the purpose of defence offset, "services" will mean maintenance, overhaul, upgradation, life extension, engineering, design, testing, defence related software or quality assurance services.

(ii) Direct foreign investment in Indian defence industries for industrial infrastructure for services, co-development, joint ventures and co-production of defence products.

(iii) Direct foreign investment in Indian organizations engaged in research in Defence Research & Development as certified by Defence Offset Facilitation Agency (DOFA).

DPP-2006 provides for review of the procurement procedure after every two years in the light of the practical experience gained in its implementation.

Vendors have not expressed any reservation to the Offset clause, though they have given few suggestions.

Naxal attacks in the country

662. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxal attacks in various States have increased manifold in recent times;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents;

(c) whether in the recent attack the Naxals not only killed the police personnel in Orissa but also took away their weapons;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have ever conducted any study regarding the growing influence of Naxals among poor people;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) the estimated cadre strength of Naxalities; and

(h) the steps taken by Government to contain the growing influence of Naxalites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) and (b) The details of naxalite attacks during 2006 and 2007 are given below:

	2006	2007
Total number of incidents:	1509	1565
Total number of casualities of security forces:	157	236
Total number of casualities of civilians:	521	460

(c) and (d) In the night of 15th February 2008, naxalite cadres attacked police establishments in Nayagarh and Ganjam districts in Orissa. In the attacks, 13 police personnel and 1 civilian were killed, 6 police personnel were injured and a sizeable number of weapons and assorted ammunition were looted.

(e) to (h) Law and order being a State subject, action with respect to various aspects/ issues related to naxalite activities lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government.

The Central Government maintains a close and continous watch on the activities of the naxalities, including detailed consultations with the State Government authorities about the various developments and the steps required to check and control naxalite activities.

Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalitie activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries.

Military communication system on borders

†663. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that military communication system is very weak on the borders of the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.